

657—.2 (155A) Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

“Board” means the Iowa board of pharmacy.

“DEA” means the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration.

“Electronic mail” or *“e-mail”* means any message transmitted through the Internet, including but not limited to messages transmitted from or to any address affiliated with an Internet site.

“Internet” means the federated international system that is composed of allied electronic communication networks linked by telecommunication channels, that uses standardized protocols, and that facilitates electronic communication services, including but not limited to use of the World Wide Web; the transmission of electronic mail or messages; the transfer of files and data or other electronic information; and the transmission of voice, image, and video.

“Internet broker” means an entity that serves as an agent or intermediary or other capacity that causes the Internet to be used to bring together a buyer and seller.

“Internet pharmacy” means a pharmacy that delivers, distributes, or dispenses, by means of an Internet sale pursuant to a prescription drug order, a prescription product to a patient located in Iowa, whether the patient is human or animal. “Internet pharmacy” does not include a pharmacy that maintains an Internet site for the convenience of the pharmacy’s patients to request a prescription refill or to request or retrieve drug information but requires that the filled prescription be delivered to the patient from the licensed physical location of the pharmacy.

“Internet sale” means a transaction, initiated via an Internet site, which includes the order of and the payment for a prescription drug product.

“Internet site” means a specific location on the Internet that is determined by Internet protocol numbers, by a domain name, or by both, including but not limited to domain names that use the designations “.com”, “.edu”, “.gov”, “.org”, and “.net”.

“Iowa PMP” means the prescription monitoring program established pursuant to 657—Chapter 37.

“NABP” means the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.

“Prescription product” means any prescription drug or device, including any controlled substance, as those terms are defined in Iowa Code section 155A.3.

“Vet-VIPPS accreditation” means that a pharmacy which dispenses prescription products for companion and non-food-producing animals has been evaluated by NABP and has been determined to be properly licensed and in compliance with federal and state laws, rules and regulations regarding the operation of a veterinary pharmacy.

“VIPPS” means verified Internet pharmacy practice site.

“VIPPS accreditation” means that a pharmacy has been evaluated by NABP and has been determined to be in compliance with federal and state laws, rules and regulations regarding the operation of a pharmacy and with NABP evaluation criteria. “VIPPS accreditation” includes Vet-VIPPS accreditation.

“*VIPPS seal*” means the symbol provided by NABP to a pharmacy for display on the pharmacy’s Internet site evidencing the pharmacy’s VIPPS accreditation.

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